

REMARKS

Interview Summary

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the personal interview given on May 9, 2006. Applicants address the issues discussed at the interview in the Amendments above and the Remarks below.

Support in Specification

The amendment adding the word "directly" to claim 1 is supported in the specification as filed in the process descriptions in paragraphs [1319] – [1324] of the published patent application (US 2004/0220359 A1).

The clarifying amendment to claim 1 stating "both catalyst components are present in at least one reaction zone" is supported in the specification as filed, *inter alia*, in the Abstract, in paragraphs [0111] – [0201] of the published patent application, and in claim 1 as originally filed.

Additionally, Applicants have corrected the misspelling of the word "stereospecific" in claims 5 and 26.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite that "both catalyst components are present in at least one reaction zone" as agreed during the interview of May 9, 2006 to clarify the limitations previously recited and remove any confusion as to the scope of the claim. Applicants believe the current amendment removes this confusion. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

As discussed in the interview, the current invention differs from the cited prior art in at least one respect. Namely that the prior art quenches or kills the catalyst after the initial polymerization step. Applicants have amended claim 1 to clarify that the contents of the first reactor pass **directly** to the second reactor. This eliminates the possibility of a catalyst quench or kill after the first polymerization step. Thus, because the prior art teaches a step which is excluded by the current claims, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to modify the prior art to obtain the currently claimed invention.

Additionally, this amendment is supported in paragraphs [1319] – [1324] of the published patent application. The Applicants have shown possession of the invention as claimed by describing the actual reduction to practice of the invention in Examples 1 – 6 in the specification as filed by stating that "[t]he content of the first reactor flows into the second reactor." *See, e.g.*, MPEP § 2163.02. Thus, Applicants believe that the claims as currently amended are sufficiently distinguished from the prior art and are fully supported by the specification. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the current claims.

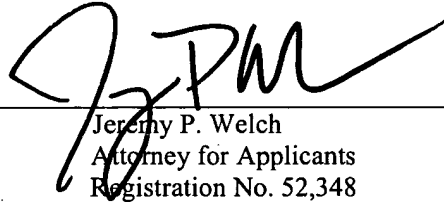
Miscellaneous

Applicants believe they have now addressed all of the Examiner's outstanding issues and that the current claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the currently pending claims. If the Examiner believes that it would expedite prosecution of the instant application, she is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney at her convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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